

Washington, DC – Friday, Harry Teague hosted an urgent border security briefing conference call to discuss the President’s announcement that he would be deploying 1200 National Guard troops to enhance our border security and progress on the border security funding surge that Teague has requested. Representatives from the New Mexico Border Authority, National Guard, local law enforcement, as well as representatives of the ranching sector participated in the call.

“Representing a border district, it’s important to reach out to local border officials and law enforcement agencies to make sure that the region’s needs are being met. Today’s briefing provide the opportunity for the law enforcement and border security community to discuss border funding priorities and make sure that all concerns were heard,” said Harry Teague. “As Vice-Chair of the Congressional Border Caucus, I have worked tirelessly to give the Border Patrol the tools they need to protect us and get our National Guard to the border. The President’s request for increased funding and deploying the National Guard to the border is a step in the right direction and I urge Congress to act on it quickly.”

Harry Teague has consistently called for a robust, comprehensive strategy to address the violence along the border. Last month, he called on the President to [send the National Guard to the border](#) to address the growing national security threat there and led 50 of his colleagues in [requesting supplemental funding](#) to step up border security, including funding for National Guard on the border. Congressman Teague has also called on President Barack Obama to [convene a White House Summit](#) with the aim of building a policy to address the border violence crisis, ensure that the violence does not spill over into the United States, and help America get back to work building our border economies.

Harry Teague on strengthening border security:

- Called on President Obama to deploy the National Guard to the border

- Authored a letter, signed by over 50 House Representatives, to Speaker Nancy Pelosi requesting \$137 million in additional border security funding, including
 - o \$30 million for the National Guard Counter Drug program: This will allow New Mexico's National Guard to expand their assistance to the Border Patrol to secure the border.

 - o \$50 million for Operation Stonegarden: This will provide resources to enhance law enforcement preparedness and operational readiness along the borders.

 - o \$25 million for the U.S. Border Patrol: This funding will support operating bases, communications equipment, surveillance equipment, officer support equipment and other resources.

 - o \$32.2 million to hire new Border Patrol agents: This funding will provide for more Customs and Border Protection agents.

- Called on President Obama to assemble a border-violence summit at the White House to develop a comprehensive border security plan

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